I am writing as a thirty year radio broadcaster. The F.C.C. is considering going back to requiring stations to carry certain types/lengths of news and public affairs programs. Having just

survived four hurricanes here in Florida, I can assure you a great majority of stations did everything possible to do exactly what we are supposed to do. Be live, be local. With the growth of FM stations carrying news/talk formats, the public is being served even more on a daily basis with news/public affairs programs. Even though our stations are considered "more music", we carry daily PSA's, do many promotions to help local citizens and still carry daily news reports and a weekly thirty minute public affairs show. Forcing radio to "must carry" will not be in the best interest of the public and listening levels. The public is being served by the great variety of formats available on the dial.

Thank you,
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